

REPORT CLASS: SECRET--\*INTEL--\*NOFORN--\*NOCONTRACT--ORCON  
COUNTRY: AFGHANISTAN/PAKISTAN/CHINA  
SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF AFGHAN SITUATION DURING THE VISIT OF  
A CHINESE MILITARY DELEGATION TO PAKISTAN  
(DOI: 29 OCTOBER 1979)

SOURCE: A GENERAL NY RELIABLE PAKISTANI FIELD GRADE OFFICER, WHOSE  
PAST REPORTING HAS BEEN GENERALLY SUBSTANTIATED.

1. IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH A CONFIDANT ON 27 OCTOBER  
1979, DIRECTOR OF MILITARY OPERATIONS (DMO) BRIGADIER MIAN MOHAMMAD  
A. F. Z. A. I. SAID THAT DURING THE 12 DAY VISIT (27-29 OCTOBER) OF A  
CHINESE "MILITARY GOODWILL DELEGATION" LEADED BY Z. H. A. N. G. C. A. N. I. A. N.,  
DEPUTY CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF (CGS) OF THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION  
ARMY, THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN WAS DISCUSSED IN DETAIL. THESE  
DISCUSSIONS INCLUDED A BRIEFING BY SENIOR PAK MILITARY OFFICERS AND  
ATTENDED BY GENERAL Z. I. A. N. I. A. O. N. THE INSURGENCY BEING CONDUCTED  
AGAINST THE AFGHAN REGIME BY MUSLIM INSURGENTS.

2. AT ONE POINT IN THE DISCUSSIONS DEPUTY CGS, ZHANG CAIQIAN  
COMMENTED THAT IF THE MUSLIM INSURGENTS DID NOT RECEIVE SUFFICIENT  
OUTSIDE SUPPORT, THE REGIME OF AFGHAN PRESIDENT HAFIZULLAH AMIN  
WOULD BE ABLE TO CONSOLIDATE ITS POSITION AND THIS WOULD CONTRIBUTE  
TO FURTHER INSTABILITY AND SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE REGIME. THIS  
STATEMENT PROMPTED GENERAL ZIA TO ASK WHY THE CHINESE WERE NOT  
SUPPORTING THE MUSLIM INSURGENTS IF THEY (THE CHINESE) WERE DISTURBED  
ABOUT THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN. ZHANG CAIQIAN REPLIED THAT  
WHILE SYMPATHETIC TO THE INSURGENT CAUSE, THE CHINESE COULD  
NOT PROVIDE AID TO THE INSURGENTS BECAUSE SHOULD THIS BE DISCOVERED  
IT WOULD HAVE SERIOUS INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSIONS AND WOULD  
AFFECT THE TALKS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION CURRENTLY  
BEING HELD IN MOSCOW. TO PROTECT THE CHINESE POSITION, ZHANG  
CAIQIAN REITERATED AN EARLIER REQUEST MADE BY THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR  
IN ISLAMABAD THAT NO CHINESE ARMS AND AMMUNITION IN THE PAKISTAN  
ARMY INVENTORY SHOULD BE SUPPLIED TO THE AFGHAN MUSLIM INSURGENTS.  
(FIELD COMMENT: SEE TDFIRDP-315/15923-79, DATED 12 SEPTEMBER 1979,  
FROM THE SAME SOURCE, WHICH REPORTED GENERAL ZIA'S ORDER THAT NO  
WEAPONS, AMMUNITION OR OTHER SUPPLIES OF CHINESE ORIGIN SHOULD BE  
SUPPLIED TO AFGHAN INSURGENTS WHO ARE BEING COVERTLY SUPPLIED BY  
THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN.

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